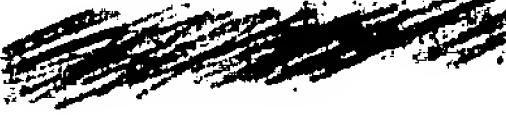




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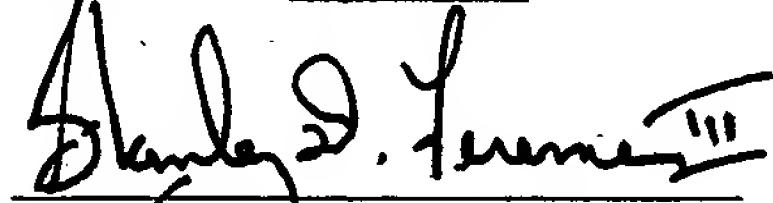
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Padmanabhan et al.  
Serial No. : 09/699,894 Examiner : D. Nolan  
Filed : October 30, 2000 Art Unit : 2655  
For :  MINIMUM BAYES ERROR FEATURE SELECTION  
IN SPEECH RECOGNITION

July 16, 2003

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 16, 2003.

  
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Stanley D. Ference III  
Reg. No. 33,879

July 16, 2003  
Date of Signature

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petitions for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) month(s) through and including July 16, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed on January 16, 2003. If an additional extension of time is required to insure that this paper is timely filed, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Response for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

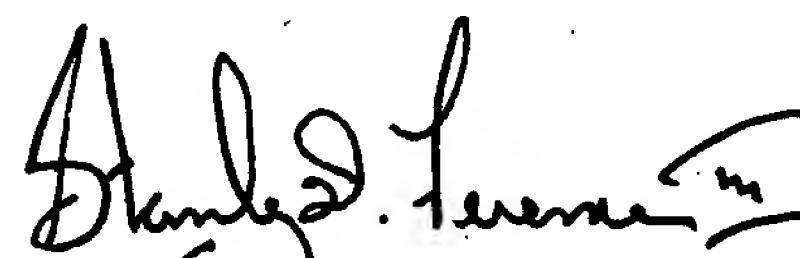
Applicant is other than a small entity and the extension fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d) is calculated below:

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		large entity	small entity
( )	one month	\$110	\$55
( )	two months	\$410	\$205
(X)	three months	\$930	\$465
( )	four months	\$1,450	\$725
( )	five months	\$1,970	\$985

Attached hereto is a completed Credit Card Payment Form. Please charge the credit card identified thereon in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the extension of time fee for three (3) months. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,



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